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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL

2	FONTAINE A&S, <i>Fontaine</i> ♦
2	A FOOLS TOURNEY, <i>White Mountain</i> ⚔
9	KINGDOM A&S <i>Scorpion's Hollow</i> ○
17	PEER & POPULACE MEETINGS at the park ○

MAY

May 2005!	Happy New Year! Anno Societatus XLI
5-7	MAY DAY MELEES, <i>Drygestan</i> ○
14-15	CORONATION <i>Dragonspine</i> ○
25-30	GRAND OUTLANDISH <i>al-Barran</i> ○

JUNE

11	DEFENDER <i>Scorpion's Hollow</i> ○
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JULY

1-5	GLORY, <i>Unser Hafen</i> ⚔
22-24	LONELY MOUNTAIN, <i>Drygestan</i>
22-24	KNOWN WORLD HERALD'S AND SCRIBES, <i>Unser Hafen</i>

⚔ attendance by His Excellency ♦ attendance by Her Excellency ○ attendance by Their Excellencies

FROM THE BARON AND BARONESS

Greetings to the populace,

Are you ready for some Outlandish? The new site looks great, the schedule is filling up with activities of all kinds, and more is in the works. Thank you to everyone that has, and will, from near and far, help put on our premiere event, it can't happen without you.

Since Outlandish is still nearly two months away and we know you just can't wait that long to have some fun, join us in our travels this month. String your bows and check your fletchings for Feathers in the Glen in Gleann Meadonach 4/2-3. Also, White Mountain will be hosting their Fools Tourney 4/2, join Ryan on the field for the start of tourney season. Or join Tana and our northern neighbors in Fontaine for their inaugural A&S event 4/2, they came to al-Barran to show off their good works, help us return the favor. This will also be your final chance to have your project reviewed before Kingdom A&S in Scorpions Hollow 4/9 where the artisans of the Kingdom will display and compete for the top honor.

Populace Meeting, Sunday 4/17/05. Populace of al-Barran, join us at the park Sunday afternoon at 2pm to discuss whatever concerns or comments you have. Do you want to know how something works? Come ask. Is there something that could be done better? Bring your suggestions. Would you like to get involved in making things happen for others? Find out how. Everyone is welcome to attend and encouraged to contribute. Members of the Chivalry, Laurel, and Pelican please join us the morning, 10am, of the 17th to discuss your concerns and comments. Bring your lunch and let's make it a picnic.

Big changes are coming to the al-Barran Marshallate. Both Ld Badai, Knight Marshal, and THL Colneach, Rapier Marshal, will be stepping down at Grand Outlandish. These gentlemen have both served long and well in their offices and we thank them for staying on beyond their initial terms to help us. THL Oengus is also seeking a deputy Captain of Archers. We would encourage anyone interested in these positions to talk with these gentles. Please see their postings elsewhere in the Shaft for additional information.

May 17th is the deadline for Baronial Champions bids. This is a great event for new autocrats... every aspect of an event except the hard one, gate money. If you are interested in running a new event, there are still some weekends available this Summer, or an existing one, let us know.

The Regalia Committee will be meeting April 26th at 7pm at our home. All are welcome to attend.

Congratulations to Lord Badai Altai for being offered admittance to the Order of the Chivalry! He will be giving his answer at Coronation (5/14) in Dragon-spine.

Ryan

Tana

FROM THE SANESCHAL

Greetings,

There are several items of business that I need to remind everyone about this month. The Barony is currently seeking applications for individuals interested in becoming the Knight Marshal and the Rapier Marshal. If you or someone you know are interested in either of these offices please let Their Excellencies, the current office holder, or me know.

Secondly, deadline for bids for Mid-Winter will be Friday April 1st. If you, or your household, are interested in autocrating this event please send your bid information to Their Excellencies and me as soon as possible. If you have questions about what information should be in your bid let us know and we can help you in this matter.

Finally, Grand Outlandish is fast upon us. We have a new site, and hopefully the weather will cooperate better than in previous years to make this a much more pleasant event. Several workdays have been scheduled for this site. Tentatively April 16th, and May 7th have been set aside as site preparation days. These dates are subject to change, so check with the autocrat, or al-Barran news list for updated information. This site is not in nearly as bad shape as the previous site, but there are some small chores that need to be done, and many hands will make light work for all. Thanks to everyone in advance for all your hard work on this project.



FROM THE HOSPITALLER

Greetings unto the populace of al-Barran,

Spring is finally here!! Now that we are all waking from our slumber and preparing for the spring and summer events, I would like to send this friendly reminder. WE ARE ALL HOSPITALLERS!! Although we are all busy with our own projects, when you encounter a newcomer or someone that has begun to join us and has questions, please take a few minutes and listen to their queries, assist them as you can and if need be, direct them to one of the hospitaller deputies or myself. Please remind them of the Newcomer meetings held each month at which we have more time to dedicate to answering questions. These meetings are very informative for new comers and they are most welcome to attend.

May is a very busy month for us all!! Grand Outlandish promises to be a very grand event!! I hope everyone that can, is planning on attending!! Please call with any requests for LOANER GARB as soon as possible. AVOID THE RUSH, CALL EARLY!! A bit of calling ahead will avoid chaos at the last moment!!

Recently I have received two very generous donations of garb. Mistress Monika donated a very nice late period lady's bodice and skirt. A special thank you goes out to Thea. Thea has donated 5 tunics, 2 dancing bodices, 3 men's shirts, one matching set of tunic and pants, 1 dancing guaze and a tent. All of these items are in excellent condition and ready to be loaned out. Thank you, again, Thea.

FROM THE SCORPION PURSUIVANT

Greetings unto the populace of the Barony of al-Barran and all who come by these letters from THL Pendar the Bard, Scorpion Pursuivant.

To my knowledge, no awards have been given by the Baron and Baroness of al-Barran to anybody since Midwinter. They did hold a Guido court at Estrella War on Saturday, February 19. I did not attend Estrella War this year, so court was conducted by the new al-Barran Chronicler Y Port Lairge.

Guidos were given to:

Murchada Mac Diarmada	Lady Sile of Golden Oak
Cathall of Killmartin	Alrick Bolslavsson
Ld Rouland Campion	Gere Thorkellson
Brian-Viceroy of Insula Draconis	Ld Boleslav Ragnarsson the Baby Guido

Cordon Scorpions were given to:

Ld. JT Whoreschum	Marcel Reinard
Ld. Gauvain Eisenbein	Odile Balestra
Ld. Gargamont of Austinite	Ldy Tessa Elizabeth De Strathairn
Lady Natasha MacDuff	Harvey Scurvy
Ld. Ewan MacKail	

The following are the awards bestowed to members of the Barony of al-Barran by Their Royal Majesties at Estrella War:

February 18, 2005

Kathryn of Iveragh – Stag

February 20, 2005

Ryan de Caergybi – Pelican

The following members of the Barony of al-Barran were recognized by Their Royal Majesties in court at Crown Tournament on Saturday March 5, 2005:

Odile Ballestre was awarded arms

Badai Altai was offered admittance into the Order of Chivalry.

He will give his answer to the Crown of the Outlands at Coronation in the Barony of Dragonsspine

Congratulations All!

The following submissions from al-Barran were ACCEPTED by the College of Arms in September 2004:

Bianca Mantegna. Device. Argent, a bend sinister gules between two rabbits statant respectant sable.

Bianca Mantegna. Badge. Argent, in fess two rabbits statant respectant sable.

Dalia d'Auria. Name and device. Per pale sable and gules, two chevronels inverted Or.

Diana Kellye. Name.

Fine Binnech. Name and device. Argent, a triquetra purpure interlaced with an annulet, a bordure wavy gules.

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Jayne Barber. Name.

Katrine van Deventer. Device. Per chevron ployé purpure and argent, a mullet of seven points issuant from the line of division argent, in base a magpie sable marked argent.

Melchior von Misen. Name and device. Per pale argent and azure, an ermine spot counterchanged.

Michael of Ravenskeep. Device. Argent, a pile sable and overall a chevron counterchanged vert and argent.

Óengus ua Faeláin. Name and device. Argent, a wolf's head cabossed between in fess two pithons erect embowed addorsed sable.

Thomas Winterbourne de Kent. Name.

William Sutherland. Name and device. Per bend sinister sable and vert, in dexter chief an oak slip fructed bendwise sinister within a bordure engrailed argent.

The following submissions from al-Barran were ACCEPTED by the College of Arms in October 2004:

Anna Fac. Name and device. Azure, on a pall Or in base a fir tree couped azure, in chief a decrescent Or, a bordure argent.

Violetta Bellafiori. Name.

There were no returns from al-Barran submissions on the September or October 2004 LoARs.

Congratulations to all whose names and devices have been registered!

I conducted a brief opening court and brief closing court for TE's of al-Barran at Blaiddwyn's Winter Wolf event on Saturday, February 5. No awards were given out. No assistance was required. The entirety of both courts was basically thanking people for coming and calling forth the autocrat. I taught a class on bardic performance at the event. At Winter Wolf several heraldry related classes were taught by people other than myself:

Field Heraldry 101 - Lord Aethelwulf of Gollas (students were asked to practice their new skills at the tournaments held during the middle of the day.)

Court Heraldry; Vocalics, Verbosity and Vigor - Master Adam Stedefast

Intro to Book Heraldry - Master Balthazar Tigero

On Tuesday, March 8, a newcomers meeting was held focusing on name and armory submission. The meeting was expertly conducted by former White Stag Principal herald Master Balthazar Tigero, who still had some of his class notes from his Winter Wolf class to help him out. (Good preparation is always useful.) :) Kudos to Master Balthazar for fielding a duty, alone, that I really should have been there to help out with. Several of the newcomers who attended that meeting have since consulted with me regarding their name and device submissions.

In Service,

PHL Pendar the Bard



FROM THE CHIURGEON

Here is a thought.

As we move from the colder months into the warmer, please remember to shake out the clothes, blankets, and other items that have not been used over the last few months. You never know what may be hiding in a fold (like a spider or other critter).

Sir Dennis the Wright

AL-BARRAN EQUESTRIAN CONTACT

The Al-Barran Equestrian Contact person is Ana Mikhailova (*Kat O'Connor*) you can reach her by email at pianokat3@yahoo.com or equestrian@al-barran.org and by cell phone at 804-2593. Since Ana is not an Equestrian Marshal there will be no official al-barran practices listed on the calendar but please contact her for more equestrian information.

FROM THE KNIGHT MARSHALL

Greetings to the fine and noble populace of al-Barran.

Spring is once again upon us, with it comes new growth. Some things need to end so others may begin. Have you ever wanted to be the Knight Marshal? If so contact me at knightmarshal@al-barran.org. I am accepting applications for the position. I intend to step down at Grand Outlandish, however I will remain as a deputy in order to ensure a smooth transition.

Tourney season will soon be here, make sure your armor is in good condition and your cards are up to date. Fight well! Fight Safe!

Lord Badai Altai

FROM THE BARONIAL SCRIBE

The following scribes: Lord Michael McQuillin, Lady Ymanya Murray, Lord Llywus ap Alan, Lady Elanor Dreamweaver, and THL Margherita de Fiore completed scrolls for awards at Crown Tourney which were greatly appreciated. Scrolls for Sworded Affaire were created by THL Margherita de Fiore, Lady Ymanya Murray, Lord Michael McQuillin, Lady Bronwyn Blackwell, and myself. The ranks of the barony's scribes continue to grow with Lady Sile completing her first scroll, a promissory AoA, which will be given to Their Royal Majesties at coronation for their use. I am encouraging all the barony's scribes to start making some scroll blanks so we can get a headstart on kingdom and baronial awards for Outlandish. I am also encouraging each baronial scribe to make a promissory AoA scroll blank, as well, to present as a gift from the scribes of al-Barran at Grand Outlandish. For this purpose, Their Royal Highnesses, Hoegaarden and Chiara, have decreed that they will be using the titles of King and Queen on their scroll. Don't forget that scrolls made for events after May 1st should be dated A.S. XXXX(40). As in the past, I am usually available at the park on Sundays for those wishing help with calligraphy or scroll assignments. I will also be at Sworded Affaire on Saturday afternoon, and at the park on the following Sunday for anyone wishing help with documentation for the Kingdom Arts and Sciences Competition on April 9th.

In service to the barony and the scribal arts, I remain

Monika von Zell

FROM THE REEVE

Good Tidings and Salutations,

With the coming events this summer, there will be several classes given on Gate 101 and Autocrating 101. In preparation for Grand Outlandish, there will be 2-3 classes scheduled for Gate Coordinator's, Shift Captain's, and volunteers. If you are interested in taking either of these classes, please contact me at: reeve@al-barran.org.

As a helpful hint this camping season...if you are a guardian or using a guardian, please have 2 copies of Minor's Consent to Participate, Medical Authorization, and Notarized Child Guardian Consent Forms. When presented at Gate, 1 copy will be kept, and the other copy is for the guardian to keep on their person at all times.

These forms and other forms can be found at: www.al-barran.org and go to Officers, go to Reeve, or contact myself or my Gate Coordinator Deputies for forms.

There are 2 Deputy positions available:

General Duties Deputy - Helps Event Paperwork or Gate Coordinator Deputies (*Interested candidates should have calculator experience, spreadsheet experience, and reliable transportation*)

Reeve Deputy - Replacement Trainee (*Recommended Requirements - have Accounting or Business Admin. degree with a min. of 2 years experience, will be trained for min. 6 months prior to taking over Office of Reeve, and have reliable transportation*)

If you or someone you know is interested in filling these positions, please contact me at: reeve@al-barran.org or 242-6735 (no calls after 9:30 pm).

In Service to the Dream,

THQ Algiarn Aljin



FROM THE QUARTERMASTER

Greetings to the populace of al-Barran,

The Quartermaster's office is looking for deputies to help with organizing the keep and set up and breakdown at Grand Outlandish. If anyone is interested please e-mail me at Quartermaster@al-Barran.org

I would like to remind autocrats and coordinators for the up coming events to please plan picking up items from the keep in a timely manner. All plans for picking up keep items should be arranged with me no less than ten days before a scheduled event.

In Service to al-Barran,

Lady Natasha MacDuff Moehislav

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

CITIZENS MEETING

Held on the 3rd Tuesday of every month, 6:30 pm at The Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center at 501 Elizabeth St SE, Albuquerque, NM. *Directions:* Take I-40 to the Eubank Blvd exit. Turn South onto Eubank. Continue on Eubank past Central and turn left onto Southern Ave. The Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center is at the corner of Southern and Elizabeth, parking is on the back side. *Contact: Master James David 830-6904.*

Fighter Practice

Sundays, 11 am to 4 pm, at Bataan Park; Bataan Park is on the north side of Lomas just west of the Lomas & Carlisle intersection. *Contact: Lord Badai 242-6735*

Rapier Practice

Sunday afternoons, at Bataan Park; Bataan Park is on the north side of Lomas just west of the Lomas & Carlisle intersection. *Contact: Don Coinneach 343-8362*

Westside Fighter Practice

First and third Saturdays from 9am to 11am, at Paradise Hills Park near the Northeast corner by the skate park. *Directions to the Park:* Take Paseo Del Norte west to Golf Course Road. Go Right on Golf Course to Paradise. Turn Left (West) on Paradise. Take Paradise past Lyon/Unser to the park (It's on the right hand side of the road). *Contact: Samuel 891-3821.*

Archery Practice

Held on every Saturday of each month. Practice starts at 10 am, please be sure to arrive early so we can get the paperwork filled out and practice started on time. The practice range is at Master Tore's & Dona Sylvia's home in the Tijeras area. *Contact: Oengus of Greymist for directions and additional information by email at archery@al-barran.org*

Blaiddwyn Fighter Practice

Held on Wednesdays starting at 6:00 pm. Fighter practice is now held in front of Carlisle Gym. *Directions:* Go west from Redondo Rd and Yale and turn right into the first parking lot, traverse the length of the parking lot and to the right: go up between Northup hall and Carlisle Gym. Fighter practice will be on the left. Please note: According to the UNM Parking website they will be enforcing parking regulations until 8 pm.

Newcomers Household

The newcomers household meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at 3810 Osuna NE, Suite #1 at 6:30 pm. These are informal meetings to discuss/learn about various subjects such as preparing for a camping event, the meaning of honor, how to make a T tunic, protocol, etc. A newcomer is being defined as a member for less than 2 years, but all are welcome. *Contact Elisheva at 872-2711 or dchssheva@aol.com*

Weaving Knowledge Exchange & Workshops

The study & application of all types of weaving & it's history. Third Friday of every month at 7 pm at Lady Monika's house. *Contact: Lady Monika the Fair at 323-5569 for more information and directions.*

APRIL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 2 FONTAINE A&S, *Fontaine*
- 2 A FOOLS TOURNEY, *White Mountain*
- 9 KINGDOM A&S *Scorpion's Hollow*
- 17 PEER & POPULACE MEETINGS at the park
- 27 Recruitment Fair *Blaidwyn*



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Regular Activities listings Pages 11&14 have more regular activities information. The Minister of A&S' letter lists more A&S' opportunities. Please contact Lady Barbara about Court Dancing practice.					1	2 Archery & Westside Fighter Practices
3 -Fighter & Rapier Practice Dance Practice	4 Gammer Gurton's Needle	5	6 Blaiddwyn Fighter Practice	7	8	9 Archery
10 -Fighter & Rapier Practice	11 Gammer Gurton's Needle	12 Newcomer's Household Meeting	13 Blaiddwyn Fighter Practice	14	15 Weaving Workshop	16 Archery & Westside Fighter Practices
17 -Fighter & Rapier Practice Dance Practice Populace Meeting	18 Gammer Gurton's Needle	19 Citizen's Meeting	20 Blaiddwyn Fighter Practice	21 A&S Workshop <i>(Articles due in to the Shaff)</i>	22	23 Archery
24 -Fighter & Rapier Practice	25 Gammer Gurton's Needle	26	27 Blaiddwyn Fighter Practice - Renaissance Recruitment Fair	28	29	30

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Court Dance Practice

There will be court dance classes during the day and court dancing after the feast at Kingdom A&S, Saturday, April 9 in the Shire of Scorpions Hollow. We will be meeting at the Monte Vista Christian Church at 3501 Campus Blvd NE., 12:30-2:30pm on Sundays, April 3 and 17th for court dance practice. *Please contact Lady Barbara at krege@aps.edu or 293-7453 or join the free alBarranMusic_Dance discussion list at www.yahoo.com/groups/alBarranMusic_Dance for further information.*

Scorpion Scales, music group

Founded to provide atmosphere and live accompaniment to court dancing at feasts and events. Come join the al-Barran court dance musicians; instrumentalists interested in playing live music for court dancing, please consider attending. The idea is to have available live court musicians instead of using the CD player at some events. Please visit our website: http://www.geocities.com/shiao_mel17/sscales.html to download current music to practice. Meetings will be held on Thursdays at 7:30 pm, at Lady Melody's house. *Please contact: Lady Melody at lockgen1@aol.com for further information.*

Gammer Gurton's Needle

The study and application of embroidery, lace, and other needlework techniques. Check out the article for current meeting place and monthly focus on the page 21. *Contact: Lady Rosamond at 865-9082 or ldyrosamond@msn.com OR Delia the Rose of Thorncastle at 232-7946 or HLDelia@aol.com.*

Arts and Sciences Knowledge Exchange and Workshops

Topics to include: felting, lampwork beads, stone carving, soap, leather, conserves, cooking and much more. To meet on the 4th Thursdays of each month at 7 pm at 10417 Palo Verde Place NW. *Contact: Lady Skia 344-0094 for more information, when a workshop is happening and directions.*

al-Barran Youth, Parents, & Youth Activities Volunteers Team

The next team meeting will be at Grand Outlandish in the Youth Pavilion. This team has regularly scheduled team meetings to discuss youth activities, plans, and important information for youth and parents. There is also a local discussion list for al-Barran youth, parents and volunteers for youth activities. To join this free discussion list, go to www.yahoo.com/groups/al-Barran_Youth_and_Parents list. (See article on page 18) *Please contact Lady Barbara at krege@aps.edu or 293-7453 for further information.*

Blaiddwyn Project Conclave

Come and join Blaiddwyn College at their project conclave every Tuesday evening to show off your latest projects or to pick up some new ones. Bring a project to work on or to share. *Contact Blaiddwyn's Arts and Science Officer: Odile Balestra odile.balestra@gmail.com for days, times and location.*

FROM THE MISTRESS OF THE LISTS

Greetings to the populace of the great Barony of al-Barran,

Grand Outlandish is fast approaching us and the office of the list could use a few more people to help with the lists at Grand Outlandish. No experience is necessary. If you have ever had any interest in running lists contact me. I will train anyone before Grand Outlandish and for those of you who prefer a more hands-on approach, I will gladly train anyone at Grand Outlandish. Also if you have previous experience and wish to help out with lists at Grand Outlandish contact me. I can be reached at kbutler@salud.unm.edu or by phone at 293-1206.

I hope to see all of you at Grand Outlandish

Lady Emory de Fillun

Wood and Leather Scraps, Instructors and Ideas Wanted for Youth Activities at Grand Outlandish

If you have an activity for the youth or a class that you want to teach the youth at Grand Outlandish, 1/4" or 3/8" plywood scraps (12" x 15" or larger) or leather scraps you can donate, please contact Lady Barbara, at krege@aps.edu or home, 293-7453. The leather will be used for shield handles and the plywood will be cut into shield shapes for shields for the youth for Grand Outlandish.

FROM THE RAPIER MARSHAL

Greetings to the populace of the Barony of al-Barran!

The rapier fighters of al-Barran are preparing for tournament season, and part of that preparation will be spending more time at practices in working on drills and improving our form and skills for tournament fights. I look forward to seeing all of our current rapier fighters out for this, and if anyone else in the populace is interested, please feel free to contact me.

We have also started a rapier list online at yahoogroups for the al-Barran rapier fighters (the group name is al-barran_rapier). Anyone interested in being on this list, please contact me at coinneach@silvertyne.com. We are hoping that this list will contribute to communication in the rapier community in the Barony, as well as providing a forum to discuss training, war, and new ideas specific to rapier combat.

Lastly, after working as the rapier marshal for the Barony for the last several years, it is time for me to step down from my post. All those who are interested in the position of rapier marshal for the Barony, please contact either myself or their excellencies by sending a letter to express your interest in the position. I am planning to step down at Grand Outlandish, so please try to contact us as soon as possible if you are interested.

I have certainly enjoyed working with all of the rapier fighters in our Barony, and I look forward to continuing to do so. My thanks to all of you who have been so gracious, helpful, and friendly during my term of service. I am very happy to see that our rapier community here is a strong group that is still growing.

In service,

Don Coinneach MacPherson

FROM THE ARTS AND SCIENCES MINISTER

Greetings,

April is here maybe it will stop snowing. It is also time to turn in your reports for the first quarter of the year. April also brings Kingdom Arts and Science Competition, even if you are not entering you should try to go and see the entries.

Grand Outlandish is right around the corner and a lot has been planned for the arts but there is always room for more. If anyone is interested in teaching a class at Grand Outlandish I have many spots still available. Please contact me as soon as possible. I have some classes arranged already I do not know if they are on the webpage or not.

The weather should start turning warmer and the web sites for this month are for linen dealers. Actually they are general fabric dealers with great products in all the fabric categories the link will just take you to linen.

<http://www.denverfabrics.com/pages/static/linen/linen-fabric.htm>

<http://www.srfabrics.com/linens/linen.htm>

<http://www.trimfabric.com/linen.html>

<http://www.handmades.com/linen.html>

<http://www.dharmatrading.com/fabric/linen/linen.html>

<http://llensoutlet.com/allotfab.html>

<http://www.silkconnection.com/products/fabric/linen/>

<http://shop.store.yahoo.com/phoenixtextiles/fabric-home-decorating-linen-fabric.html>

<http://shop.store.yahoo.com/phoenixtextiles/fabric-apparel---fashion-fabrics-linen-fabric---linen-blend-fabric.html>

<http://www.najacki.com/repro/Linen.html>

Coming up in Arts:

Regular activities:

Gammer Gurton's Needle Mondays 239-3196 for location and subject

Singing with Lord Tancred Thursdays 6:30 268-4994

Armor workshops with Master Tore Thursday 6:00-9:00

281-5694 please call Wednesday so he can set everything up

Weaving Knowledge and exchange with Lady Monika the Fair

3rd Friday of the month 323-5569

Court Dancing and Scorpions Scales For questions call Barbara at 293-7453

Events:

April 9th Kingdom Arts and Science Scorpions Hollow, Margaret Hepburn

May 25th-30th Grand Outlandish, al-Barran Jochen

Thank-you

PHIL A'isha

FROM THE CAPTAIN OF ARCHERS

Greetings all,

Wanted an archer to train as Deputy to the position of Captain of the Archers. No experience needed. Contact the Captain for further information.

when our swords cross, may we always part as friends.

in service,

O'Engus

FROM THE CHRONICLER

Greetings unto all,

I'm sure many of you have been wondering how Lord Michael McQuillin gets his inspiration for the Ponyworld cartoons. Now, thanks to Mistress Caelte, we know. Also, thanks again to Michael for providing us with yet another insightful Ponyworld cartoon. I'm almost afraid, but much more curious, to find out who his next subject will be. There are far more of us who have not been captured by his pen and wit than there are of us who have.

I would also like to thank R&B Printing who have done such a wonderful and timely job with getting the newsletters printed up and returned to me so that I can send them on to you.

Sworded Affair has brought many of us together again for the first time in a few months, and has reminded us to dust out our tents (from last May) and start preparing for a new and better site for Outlandish. It's just around the corner and heading our way very very quickly. (Probably too quickly in some ways for the autocrat.) Everyone needs to keep hoping for good, clear weather for our work crews that will be providing us with a road through the event site so that we can remind everyone how much fun Outlandish is supposed to be.

Thanks again to my lady who gave up time on the computer to put this newsletter together and to my Deputies, Lady Blanca for helping stamp, label, and seal the newsletters for mailing, and Ceolwen for taking on the well-nigh insurmountable task of hounding updated information from everyone for the Directory. I hope that it provides you with all the contacts you could need and more to learn new things in this Society of ours.

In Service,

Lord Y Port Lwyr

FROM THE BLAIDDWYN SENESCHAL

Greetings,

On April 27th from 12 - 3pm, the College will be holding a demo at the UNM Duck Pond. We would like to have heavy and light fighters as well as A&S items to display.

If you are interested in helping please contact:

Cassia bint Nicola at hdrummond@gmail.com

Lord Schuyler of Blaiddwyn

FROM THE WEBMISTRESS

Greetings unto all,

The following are the statistics from the al-Barran website for the month of February:

Overall accesses	35,400	Overall visits	3,755
Homepage accesses	909	Homepage visits	349
Sworded Affair accesses	120	Grand Outlandish accesses	87

The Grand Outlandish site accesses look low, but remember, the site didn't go up until the end of February.

Lady Melodia Shaw

Greetings!

Now, Now!! Do not be afraid of a little CPR class! I know that there are folks that would love to be certified. I am scheduling a class for late April for those that are interested. Step forward and let me know that you are interested.

Sir Dennis the Wright
sirdenniswright@comcast.net
al-Barran Chlurgeon

Ma'asalama from the Middle Eastern Art and Science collegium at this year's Outlandish.

We will be holding 2 classes every hour Friday through Sunday.

Classes are scheduled from 11:00-5:00 every day! There will be dance classes for the beginner belly dancer and the intermediate dancer. There are tribal classes, how to dance with a sword and a cane. We will learn how to make up a line dance from any rhythm and also social dancing for men and women.

There will be beginning drum classes as well as classes for the more advanced percussionist. You can learn how to drum with other as well as melodic instruments. Learn how to play zills from one of the nation's best teachers. There will be singing classes both to learn songs as well as Arabic vocal technique. We have ensemble classes to learn songs in both Arabic and Turkish styles. There will be improvisation classes as well as Middle Eastern Music Theory.

If music is not your thing, consider daily life in Middle Eastern period, Middle Eastern healing arts, the art of Henna, how to card, spin and dye wool, Arabic script (calligraphy for scrolls), clothes for daily wear, Turkish coffee reading, Arabic names and devices that will pass, Middle Eastern tents, ancient Arabic mythology, Arabic armor and fighting styles.

We also plan to make ice cream on Saturday afternoon and a Henna party on Sunday afternoon.

Plan for tons o' fun and lots to learn. See you there!

- Elia Stefansdottir

MAY DAY MELÉES

Shire of Drygestan

Saturday, May 7, 2005

9AM – 5PM

Ragle Park

Zia Road and Yucca Street

Santa Fe, New Mexico

Unto the Populace of the Barony of al-Barran do the Autocrats of May Day Melées send greetings!

Please come visit the Shire of Drygestan, for May Day Melées on Saturday, May 7, 2005. The Shire of Drygestan is planning much fun, fighting, and friendship in the Park. Also planned is a hot lunch, served on-site. More details on the menu will be provided at a later date.

Both rapier and armored combat will have many melée scenarios to enjoy.

Please pay heed to Drygestan's webpage, www.drygestan.org, or the list-servs for the Kingdom of the Outlands, the Barony of al-Barran, and the Shire of Drygestan for more information.

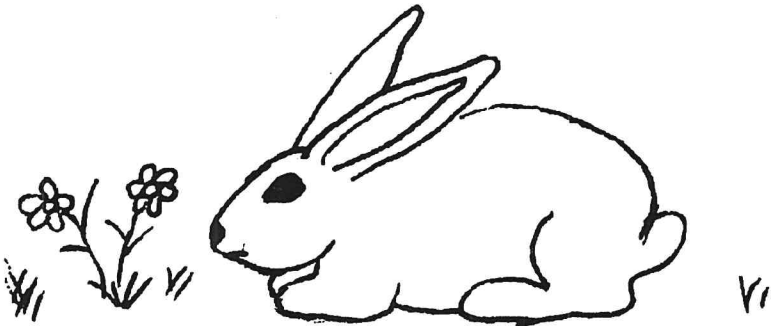
Autocrat Contact Information:

Lord Elnarr Skallagrmmsen (MKA: Michael Johnson),
ldelnarr@aol.com

Sayidda Maimuna al-Bukhariyya (MKA: Katie Daniel),
maimoouna@yahoo.com

DIRECTIONS:

Take your best route to Santa Fe, New Mexico. Take exit 282, St. Francis Drive, and head north, or into Santa Fe proper. At the light for Zia Road, turn left (West). At the light for Yucca Street, turn left (South). The park will be on the left, with the baseball fields.



GRAND OUTLANDISH XXXII

May 25-30 2005, AS XL

www.grandoutlandish.org

NEW SITE Founders Ranch ***NEW SITE***
Edgewood, NM

Site opens 25 May at noon and closes 30 May at noon

Listen to the call of the horns, the stamp of the horse's hooves, the jingle of the fighter's armor. The Pope has declared another Crusade. All able bodied men are asked to go forth once again to reclaim the Holy Land from the Saracens.

It's once again time for everyone's favorite event of the year. Grand Outlandish!!!! And to make it even better, we have a NEW SITE!!! Yes, that's right a NEW SITE!!!! The site is green, it's lush, there's running.... Oh, sorry that's what we wish we had... But what we do have is a site that sits lower than the surrounding area. Which means.... Drum roll please.... LESS WIND!!!! That's right. There will be less wind than at the Torrance County Park site. There are TREES!!! Trees that even our tallest warriors can't look over. There are rolling hills, there are valleys, there are very few cacti... And all this can be yours to enjoy if you come to Grand Outlandish XXXII.

So, come forth from your shires, your colleges, your baronies... come forth and help in the battle against the Saracens.

Fees:

Adults: \$25

Children 15 and under: \$15

Children 5 and under: Free

Family Cap: \$65 (covers two (18+) adults and the children they are responsible for)

Non-member Surcharge: \$5 (per person)

Contact info:

Autocrat: Sir Jochen von Balduinseck (jlknap505@msn.com) (505) 565-1267 (email preferred)

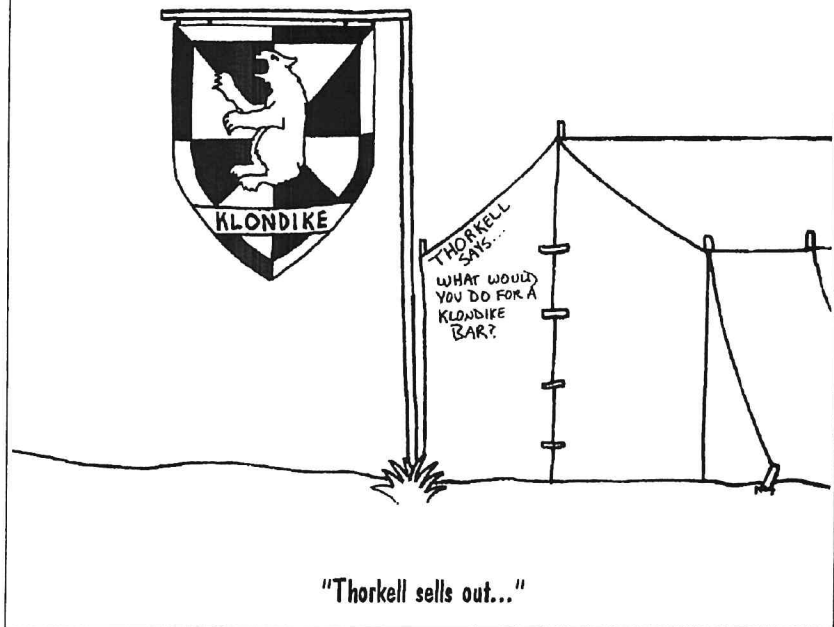
Directions:

Take I-40 (from either East or West) and turn off on exit 181. Go east on Old 66 to Highway 217 and turn right (South) about 4 miles to Juan Tomas Road. Turn left (East). Take Juan Tomas Road East for about 1 mile to Barton Road and then turn left (North). Take Barton Road North for approximately 1/2 mile to the Founders Ranch gate on the right. This gate is not marked with a name. The site is enclosed by a 7' woven wire game fence topped with a strand of barbed wire, so it's easy to recognize. Do not drive off the established roads, please.

Other information:

Site is wet. Dogs will be allowed in accordance with site rules. No individual campfires are allowed.

Site photos, lists of Coordinators, lists of classes, times for tournaments, and last minute information will be available on the Grand Outlandish Web Site. Links are available from the Outlands Web Site and the al-Barran web site.



COURT DANCING

Court Dancing at Sworded Affaire, Kingdom A&S & Dance Practices

A special thank you to Lady Melody, Lady Isabella, Lord Canus, and Lady Barbara for teaching five hours of court dance classes at Sworded Affaire. Lady Barbara will also lead court dance classes during the day and court dancing after the feast at Kingdom A&S, Saturday, April 9 in the Shire of Scorpions Hollow (Clovis, NM). Thanks to Renee, we have had a great indoor site during the winter for court dance practices, which is also very close to fighter practice park. We are meeting at the Monte Vista Christian Church at 3501 Campus Blvd NE. 12:30-2:30pm on Sundays, April 3 and 17. To get to the church, go south on Carlisle, south of Lomas to Grand (Grand is 2 blocks north of Central). Turn right (west) onto Grand and go 2 blocks to the church. We are in a room in the basement, down an outside flight of stairs at the front of the church. If you want to know more about dance practices, you can also join the al-Barran Musicians and Court Dancers discussion list, or contact Lady Barbara at krege@aps.edu or home 293-7453. The discussion list will give you the latest information concerning court dancing practices and Scorpion Scales music practices in al-Barran. Just go to www.groups.yahoo.com and search for alBarranMusic_Dance to join this free discussion list.

Yours in service to the dream,

Lady Barbara

NEWCOMERS HOUSEHOLD

Greetings from the Newcomers Household. Spring is in the air and we have 10 newcomers joining us!! Last month Master Balthazar gave a very informative presentation on Heraldry and fielded many questions on this detailed subject. THANK YOU, MASTER BALTHAZAR!!

The April newcomers meeting will be held on April 12th. Meeting is at 3810 Osuna NE, #1 and begins at 6:30 pm. Please see below for driving directions. Please direct questions to Duchess Elasheva at 872-2711 or dchssheva@aol.com.

AL-BARRAN YOUTH, PARENTS, AND VOLUNTEERS TEAM

A special thank you to Baron Sabastian and the merchant, Scott, who donated more fabric for the youth pouches project! Some members of the al-Barran Youth, Parents, & Volunteers Team met at Estrella War and discussed various projects, including plans and activities for the youth at Grand Outlandish May 27-29, a website and boffer making, shields and pouches projects. Our next meeting will be at Grand Outlandish in the Youth Pavilion. We are also seeking 1/4" to 3/8" plywood pieces (12"x15" or larger) and leather scraps (for handles) to make shields for the youth. If you would like to teach a class to the youth or have an activity for the youth at Outlandish or have plywood or leather scraps to donate, please contact Lady Barbara at krege@aps.edu or home, 293-7453. There is also a local discussion list for al-Barran youth, parents, and volunteers for youth activities. To join this free discussion list, where we post important information concerning the youth and also team meeting information and projects, please go to www.groups.yahoo.com and search for the group, al-Barran_Youth_and_Parents.

Yours in service to the dream,
Lady Barbara, Youth Information Contact Person

GAMMER GURTON'S NEEDLE

This month's meeting for Gammer Gurton's Needle will be held at THL Delia the Rose of Thorncastle's home. Her address is 5914 Aspen NE, which is on the SW corner of Aspen and San Pedro, between Indian School Rd. and Constitution. Phone is 232-7946 for questions/directions. This month we will be finishing up our largess project of making muffs.

Contacts: THL Delia the Rose at 232-7946, email; HLDelia@aol.com

Website: <http://www.themissingpiece.com/ggn/>

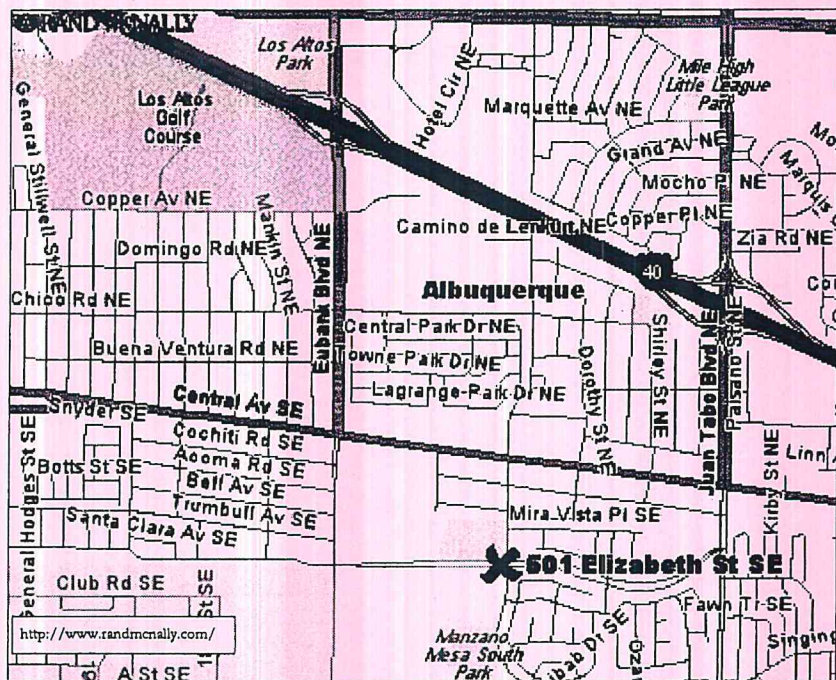
"My fair long straight needle, that was mine only treasure. The first day of my sorrow is. And last of my pleasure" -from the play, The Loss of Gammer Gurton's Needle, 1575.

CITIZEN'S MEETING

The Citizen's Meeting location is the Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center at 501 Elizabeth St SE, Albuquerque, NM. The next meeting will be on 19 April. The citizen's meeting is held on the 3rd Tuesday of every month beginning at 6:30 pm. Please contact the Seneschal, Master James David 830-6904, for further information.

Driving Directions:

Take I-40 to the Eubank Blvd exit (No. 165). Turn south onto Eubank Blvd. Continue onto Eubank Blvd past Central Avenue. Turn left onto Southern Avenue. The Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center is at 501 Elizabeth St SE, Albuquerque, NM at the corner of Southern and Elizabeth.



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Blaidwyn's website: <http://www.unm.edu/~sca/index.html> SCA's website: <http://www.sca.org>

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Thanks for renewing! 10/1/2005

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